

Deacon Samuel Hall House
Portland, Connecticut

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DEACON SAMUEL HALL HOUSE

Portland, Middlesex County, Conn.

Owner: Misses Anna and Ayala Churchill, 478 Main St.,
Portland, Conn.

Date of Erection: Circa 1732

Architect or Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and One-half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation
Clapboard sidewalls
Shingled roof
Brick central chimney

Other Existing Records: Middletown Upper Houses - pg. 576 -
Hartford Probate Records.

List of Photographs:

1. Southwest Elevation
2. North Elevation
3. Entrance Detail
4. Entrance Hall And Stairs
5. North Wall - West End Of Southeast
Room - 1st Floor
6. End Of North Wall - Southeast Room -
1st Floor
7. Cupboard - Southeast Corner Of Dining
Room
8. Framing Detail - All Corner Rooms of
2nd Floor

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The progenitor of the Hall family in this country was John Hall who came from Kent, England, and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1633. He removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1639 and subsequently became surveyor of highways. In 1650 he moved to Middletown, Connecticut, of which town he was one of the early settlers.

Samuel Hall, of the third generation of the Middletown Halls', and the progenitor of the same family in Portland, settled first in the Middletown Upper Houses, now Cromwell. On February 10, 1716, he was named Deacon of the Church. Later he moved to East Middletown, now Portland, where he purchased a farm. He was there appointed Deacon of the Congregational Church on the 9th of November, 1721, and held the office during life.

The present owners of this house, which was built sometime before 1732, Misses Anna and Ayala Churchill, are in direct line of descent from the first John Hall. The entire Hall ancestry shows them to be very popular civic minded and church minded people. The Deacon Samuel Hall House which stands at 478 Main Street, and in which the present owners live, is in good condition for its two centuries of age and contains some very interesting details in interior panelling, interior shutters, and a fine corner eupboard.

Sources of Information: Middletown Upper Houses - pg. 576 -
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